THE

ORDERS, RULES AND ORDINANCES,

Ordained, Deviſed and Made by the

Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens,

and Commonalty of the Myſtery and Art of

STATIONERS

OF

The City of *LONDON*,

For the Well governing of that Society.

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TO all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall come, *We the Right Honourable Earl of* Notingham, *Lord High Chancellour of* England, *Sir* Francis Pemberton *Knight, Lord Chief Juſtice of his Majeſties Court of* Kings Bench *at* Weſtminſter, *and Sir* Francis North *Knight, Lord Chief Juſtice of his Majeſties Court of* Common Pleas *at* Weſtminſter, *ſend Greeting.* Whereas, *in a Statute made in the Parliament holden at* Weſtminſter *in the nineteenth Year of the Reign of the late King of famous Memory,* Henry *the Seventh, for the Weal and Profit of his Subjects,* It was (*amongſt other things*) *Ordained, Eſtabliſhed and Enacted, That no Maſter, Wardens and Fellowſhips of Crafts or Myſteries, or any of them, or any Rulers of Guilds and Fraternities, ſhould take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, nor to Execute any Acts or Ordinances then aforemade, in Diſinheritance or Diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of any other, nor againſt the Common Profit of the People, Except the ſame Acts or Ordinances be Examined and Approved by the Chancellor or Treaſurer of* England, *or Chief Juſtices of either Benches, or Three of them, or before both the Juſtices of Aſſize in their Circuit or Progreſs in the Shire where ſuch Acts or Ordinances be made, upon pain of Forfeiture of Forty Pounds for every time that they do contrary,* (*as by the ſaid Statute more plainly doth, and may appear.*) Now know ye, *That the Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of* Stationers *of the City of* London, *Willing and deſiring that the ſaid Act of Parliament, be in all things duly obſerved and kept, the Seventh day of* October, *in the Three and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord* CHARLES *the Second, by the Grace of God, of* England, Scotland,

France *and* Ireland, *King, Defender of the Faith,* &c. Annoq; Dom. *One Thouſand Six Hundred Eighty One, for the better regulating and ordering of the Corporation of Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of* Stationers *of the City of* London, *and for the preventing of Abuſes and Miſdemeanours, in and about Printing,* Have *preſented unto us theſe under-written Ordinances by them ordained, deviſed, and made for the well-governing of their Corporation and Society, and every Member thereof, and have made their humble Suit and Requeſt to have them (together with Ordinances at the ſame time preſented) likewiſe ſetled and eſtabliſhed; and that* We *the ſame Ordinances hereafter mentioned, and by them to us exhibited, would examine, correct and amend, and ſo approve them in due manner and form, as by the ſaid Act of Parliament of the Nineteenth Year of King* Henry *the Seventh, is required.* We *therefore well conſidering and approving the ſaid Supplication to be good and reaſonable, according to their deſire, and by the Authority of the ſaid Act of Parliament to us given, the ſame Ordinances under-written, ſo to us exhibited, have ſeen, read and examined; The Tenor whereof hereafter followeth in theſe Words.* (Viz.)

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At an Aſſembly *of the Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of* STATIONERS *of the City of* LONDON, *held at their Common Hall in the Pariſh of St.* Martin Ludgate, *in the Ward of* Farringdon *within* London, *on* Wedneſday *the ſeventeenth day of* Auguſt Anno Dom. *One Thouſand Six Hundred Eighty and One, For the well-governing of the Members of this Company, the ſeveral Laws and Ordinances hereafter mentioned, were then made, enacted and ordained by the Maſter, Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of* STATIONERS *of the City of* LONDON, *in manner and form following.* viz.

I.

IT is Ordained, That no Member of this Company ſhall hereafter Print, Publiſh, Sell, Bind, Stitch, or expoſe to Sale, or cauſe to be Printed, Publiſhed, Sold, Bound, Stitcht, or expoſed to Sale, any Book, or Pamphlet, Portraicture, Picture, or Paper, unleſs ſuch Printer or Printers as ſhall Print the ſame, do thereunto Print his or their Name or Names, or the Name or Names of ſome Bookſeller or Bookſellers keeping a Shop in the City of *London*, or the Suburbs thereof, who ſhall put the ſame to Printing, upon pain of forfeiting to the Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, the Sum of Twenty Pounds.

No Member of the Company ſhall print, or publiſh any thing without his Name to it.

The Penalty.

II.

II.

AND ALSO it is ordained, That every year yearly in a Court of Aſſiſtants, to be holden for this Company at the uſual time, the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the Major Part of them then preſent, may Elect and Chuſe Two Honeſt, Diſcreet and Able men being of the Livery of this Society, who ſhall bear the Title of Renter-Wardens of this Society for one Year next enſuing, And till others ſhall be choſen in their Place. And in caſe of the Death or Removal of any Renter-Warden, the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants ſhall forthwith proceed to a new Election of another Renter-Warden in Manner and Form aforeſaid. Which Perſon ſo elected, ſhall forthwith accept the ſaid Office, and alſo ſhall diligently attend the Maſter and Wardens upon their Summons, and carefully collect and receive all Quarteridge due from, and payable to this Company, by all and every, or any of the Members of this Company: And ſhall alſo at the uſual times (to wit) within one Month after ſome other perſons ſhall be admitted into the ſaid Office, or ſuch other longer time as ſhall be appointed by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the Major Part of them, in a Court of Aſſiſtants, render to the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or ſuch other Perſon as the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants ſhall appoint, a true, plain, perfect and juſt Account in Writing, of all ſuch Money, which they or either of them have received, and Diſburſements which they, or either of them made, during their time of being Renter-Warden, for the uſe of this Company, And ſhall ſpeedily make Payment of what ſhall remain in their or either of their Hands, due upon ſuch Account, And deliver the Books and all other Papers and things whatſoever, which may concern this Company, to the Maſter and Wardens, or to ſuch other Perſon or Perſons as the Maſter and Wardens ſhall appoint; upon pain, That every Perſon offending againſt this Ordinance, ſhall pay to the Maſter, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, for every ſuch Months time, that he ſhall after Requeſt and Summons in that behalf made, refuſe or delay to make ſuch Account, the Sum of Five Pounds; And for every Months time after ſuch Account ſtated, That the Moneys which ſhall be due upon the foot of ſuch Account, to the ſaid Maſter, and Keepers

The Society to chuſe annually two Renter-Wardens.

Upon the Death or Removal of either of them, the Society proceed to a new Election.

An Account to be given by them of their Receipts and Diſburſements.

The Penalty for refuſing to Account.

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or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of the *Stationers* of the City of *London*, or any part thereof ſhall remain unpaid, the Sum of Five Pounds (he having no reaſonable Impediment or Excuſe, which ſhall be ſo allowed by the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, or the Major Part of them, in a Court of Aſſiſtants, for his failure therein.)

III.

AND FURTHER it is Ordained, That after the Election of the Renter-Wardens, by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the Major Part of them, in a Court of Aſſiſtants as aforeſaid, if either of the Perſons ſo Elected, ſhall refuſe to accept the ſaid Office, having no reaſonable or juſt Impediment or Excuſe that may hinder him ſo to do, and which ſhall be allowed by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of this Company, or the Major Part of them in a Court of Aſſiſtants, then ſuch Perſon ſo Elected, and refuſing to take upon him the Execution of the ſaid Office, ſhall, for ſuch his Refuſal, forthwith pay to the Maſter, and Keepers, or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, the Sum of Forty Pounds. But if any Perſon which ſhall be choſen Renter-Warden, as aforeſaid, ſhall make his Application to the Court of Aſſiſtants, the ſaid Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the major part of them in a Court of Aſſiſtants, if they think fit, may excuſe him for a ſmaller Sum of Money, ſo as it be not under the Sum of Twenty Four Pounds.

The Penalty for refuſing to execute the ſaid Office.

Upon Application, the Maſter, &c. may excuſe him, if they think fit, for a ſmaller Sum.

IV.

ALSO it is Ordained, That the ſaid Two Renter-Wardens ſhall, according to the Uſage of this Company, every year upon the day that the Lord Mayor of *London* ſhall be ſworn at *Weſtminſter*, in the Common Hall of this Company, or at ſuch other place as the Maſter and Wardens ſhall appoint, At the Coſts and Charges of the ſaid Renter-wardens, find and provide a Competent and Sufficient Dinner for the Maſter, Wardens, and Aſſiſtants, and all the Members of the Livery of the ſaid Society. And if Default ſhall be made thereof, That then every ſuch Perſon that ſhall make Default therein, ſhall forfeit and pay for ſuch Default to the Maſter, and Keepers or VVardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, the Sum of Forty Pounds of Lawful Money of *England*.

A Dinner annually to be provided by the Renter-Wardens for the Maſter, &c.

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V.

Entrance of Copies.

AND WHEREAS ſeveral Members of this Company have great part of their Eſtates in Copies; And by ancient Uſage of this Company, when any Book or Copy is duly Entred in the Regiſter Book of this Company, to any Member or Members of this Company, ſuch Perſon to whom ſuch Entry is made, is, and always hath been reputed and taken to be Proprietor of ſuch Book or Copy, and ought to have the ſole Printing thereof; which Priviledg and Intereſt is now of late often violated and abuſed.

IT is therefore Ordained, That where any Entry or Entries, is, or are, or hereafter ſhall be duly made of any Book or Copy in the ſaid Regiſter Book of this Company, by, or for any Member or Members of this Company; That in ſuch caſe, if any other Member or Members of this Company ſhall then after, without the Licenſe or Conſent of ſuch Member or Members of this Company, for whom ſuch Entry is duly made in the Regiſter Book of this Company, or his or their Aſſignee or Aſſigns, Print, or cauſe to be Printed, Import or cauſe to be Imported from beyond the Seas, or elſewhere, any ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or any part of any ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or ſhall ſell, bind, ſtitch, or expoſe the ſame, or any part or parts thereof to ſale, That then ſuch Member and Members ſo offending, ſhall forfeit to the Maſter and Keepers, or Wardens and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of Stationers of the City of *London*, the Sum of Twelve Pence for every ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or any part of ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books Imprinted, Imported, ſold, bound, ſtitcht, and expoſed to ſale contrary hereunto.

The Penalty of any Member that Prints or Publiſhes anothers Copy.

VI.

The Maſter and Wardens may enter any Printing-houſe, &c. to ſearch.

AND ALSO it is Ordained, That the Maſter and Wardens of this Company, or any one of them, ſhall and may at any Convenient time, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as they ſhall think fit, enter into the Printing-houſe, Warehouſe, or Place, or Printing-houſes, or Ware-houſes, or Places of any of the Members of this Company; And alſo into the Shops and Ware-houſes of any Stationer, Book-ſeller or Bookbinder, being a Member of this Company, to ſee what

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is there Imprinting and Imprinted, Binding or Stitching. And in case any Member or Members of this Company shall refuse to open his or their Door or Doors, and to shew the said Master and Wardens, or either of them so entring, upon his, or their Request, his or their Printing-house, and Place of Printing, Shop, or Ware-house, or Work-house, and what he hath in his House Printed by him, and is there Printing, Bound, Stitching or Binding; That then such Member and Members shall forfeit to the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, for such his and their Refusal, the Sum of Ten Pounds.

The Penalty for refusing Admittance.

VII.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty, King *Charles* the second that now is, by his Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, bearing Date the Eleventh Day of *October*, in the Eighteenth Year of his Reign, did grant unto the Master, and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, and their Successors, License, Authority and Priviledg only to Print, Utter, and Sell the several Books therein to them particularly mentioned, for a Term of years yet in being; It is therefore Ordained, That if any Member or Members of this Company shall hereafter, during the Continuance of the Term in the foresaid Letters Patents granted without the License or Consent of the said Master and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, Imprint, or cause to be Imprinted, or Import, or bring in, or cause to be Imported, or brought into this Kingdom of *England* from any Parts beyond the Seas, or elsewhere; Or bind, sell, stitch, or put to sale any such Book or Books or part of any such Book or Books so imprinted, imported, bound, stitcht, or put to sale contrary hereunto, That then such Member and Members of this Company shall forfeit and pay to the Master, and Keepers or Wardens and Commonalty of the Mystery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London* for every such Book or part of Book so imprinted, imported, bound, stitcht, or sold contrary hereunto, the Sum of Twelve Pence.

The Penalty of a Member that shall print or import from beyond Sea, during the Term of His Majesty's Letters Patents, any Book or Books, or any part of them, without consent of the Master, *&c.*

VIII.

Owners of Copies by his Majeſties Letters Patents.

AND it is further Ordained, That where the ſole Printing of of any Copy or Copies, Book or Books, is already granted to any Member or Members of this Company, by any Letters Patents of his now Majeſty, or any of his Royal Predeceſſors, Kings or Queens of this Realm, or where the Printing of any Copy or Copies, Book or Books, is by any Letters Patents granted to any Perſon or Perſons, not being a Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own uſe; Or when the Printing of any Copy or Copies, Book or Books, hereafter ſhall be granted by his now Majeſty, or any of His Royal Succeſſors, to any Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own Uſe; Or ſuch Letters Patents ſhall be duly and legally aſſigned to any Member or Members of this Company, to his and their own Uſe; Then if any other Member or Members of this Company ſhall without the Licenſe or Conſent of ſuch Owner or Owners, or the Executors, or Adminiſtrators of ſuch Owner or Owners (being a Member or Members of this Company) of ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or part of ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, Print or cauſe to be Printed, or Import, or bring in, or cauſe to be Imported, or brought into this Kingdom of *England* from any Parts beyond the Seas, or elſewhere, or bind, ſell, ſtitch, or put to Sale any ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books, or Part of any ſuch Copy or Copies, Book or Books ſo Imprinted, Imported, bound, ſtitcht, or ſold contrary hereunto, Then ſuch Member or Members ſo offending, ſhall forfeit and pay to the Maſter and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, for ſuch his and their Offence, the Sum of Twelve Pence for every ſuch Book, and Part of Book ſo Imprinted, Imported, bound, ſtitcht, or ſold contrary hereunto.

The Penalty for a Member of the Company to Print or cauſe to be Imported from beyond Sea, ſuch Owners Copies.

IX.

AND it is Ordained, That the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants of this Company, or the major Part of them in a Court of Aſſiſtants to be held according to the Uſage of this Company, when

when, and as often as they ſhall think fit, may Elect and Admit ſuch Member and Members of this Company into the Livery or Cloathing of this Company, as they ſhall think fit; Which Perſon ſo to be elected and choſen, ſhall, upon ſuch his Admiſſion into the Livery or Cloathing as aforeſaid, pay to the ſaid Maſter and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, the Sum of Twenty Pounds for a Fee or Incumbe for ſuch his or their Admiſſion as aforeſaid. And if any ſuch Perſon ſo elected into the Livery or Cloathing as aforeſaid, ſhall refuſe to accept thereof, having no reaſonable Cauſe, and to be ſo allowed by the Maſter, Wardens and Aſſiſtants, or the major part of them, in a Court of Aſſiſtants, then he ſhall pay to the Maſter and Keepers or Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of the City of *London*, for ſuch his Refuſal, the Sum of Forty Pounds.

The Maſter and Wardens, &c. have power to admit ſuch Member or Members, as they ſhall think fit, into the Livery.

The Penalty for refuſing to accept thereof without a reaſonable Cauſe.

'WHICH ſaid Ordinances in manner and form aforeſaid 'made at the Requeſt of the ſaid Maſter and Keepers or 'Wardens, and Commonalty of the Myſtery or Art of *Stationers* of 'the City of *London*, by the Authority and Vertue of the ſaid Act of 'Parliament made in the Nineteenth Year of the ſaid King *Henry* 'the Seventh: We the ſaid Lord Chancellor and Chief Juſtices afore-'ſaid, have alſo ſeen, peruſed, and examined, and in order to the 'preventing and avoiding the Penalty inflicted by the aforeſaid Sta-'tute upon the Execution of Ordinances not approved, as by the 'ſaid Act is directed (as far forth as by Law we may) We do ap-'prove, ratifie and confirm. *In Witneſs* whereof, We the ſaid Lord 'Chancellor and Lord Chief Juſtices of either Benches, have here-'unto ſubſcribed our Names, and ſet our Seals the ſaid ſeventh day 'of *October* in the Three and Thirtieth Year of the Reign of our So-'vereign Lord *CHARLES* the Second, by the Grace of God, of '*England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the 'Faith, &c. *Annoq; Dom.* 1681.

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